

CLAIMS:

1. A system of an apparatus (101) and a remote control (102) for controlling said apparatus, the system including a speech processor (211) for processing speech commands, the remote control comprising a microphone (104) for enabling a user of said remote control to input said speech commands, wherein the system also comprises a further microphone (107) for enabling further users of the system to input speech commands.
2. A system as claimed in claim 1, said further microphone (107) being an omnidirectional microphone.
3. A system as claimed in claim 1 or 2, said further microphone (107) being comprised by said apparatus (101).
4. A system as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3, said system comprising input designation means (209,215) for user operably designating said microphone (104) and/or said further microphone (170) as a signal source to said speech processor (211).
5. A system as claimed in claim 4, said input designation means (209,215) being capable of controlling the speech processor (211) to process speech input from said microphone (104) only.
6. A system as claimed in claim 4, said input designation means (209,215) being capable of controlling the speech processor (211) to process speech input from said further microphone (107) only.
7. A system as claimed in claim 4, said input designation means (209,215) being capable of controlling the speech processor (211) to process speech input from both said microphone (104) and said further microphone (107), said microphone (104) having priority over said further microphone (107).

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8. A remote control (102) for use in a system as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 7, comprising a microphone (104) for enabling a user of said remote control to input speech commands for processing by a speech processor (211), said remote control comprising input designation means for user operably designating said microphone (104) and/or a further microphone (107) as a signal source to said speech processor.

9. An apparatus (101) for use in a system as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 7, comprising a speech processor (211) for processing speech commands, and input designation means (209,215) for user operably designating a microphone (104) comprised by a remote control (102) of said apparatus and/or a further microphone (107) comprised by said apparatus as a signal source to said speech processor.

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10. A method of controlling an apparatus (101), comprising a step of processing speech commands for controlling said apparatus, and a step of user operably designating a microphone (104) comprised by a remote control of said apparatus and/or a further microphone (107) comprised by said apparatus as a signal source to said speech processing.